



## Virtual Science Fair Video Contest Rules

### Overview of Contest:

**The contest theme for fall 2014 will be Halloween**



Students should explore a science topic and then create a video displaying their project while providing an explanation during the video.

Experiments, research studies, demonstrations, and models are all acceptable project formats.

Submissions are due on October 31, 2014.

**There is no cost to participate!**

### Eligibility

The virtual science fair is open to students in grades Kindergarten through Twelfth grade in Michigan. All students must register and submit a parental consent form with their science fair entry to be considered for this contest.

### Registration



Students can register at <http://questionpro.com/t/AgDLZPE85>



Students must register in order to participate. Registration is open October 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014.



Parental contest forms are required for all students.

- The form must be either emailed to [sasyn@michigan.gov](mailto:sasyn@michigan.gov) or faxed to 517-335-9776. The parent consent form allows us to show the video on our website.

By registering for this science fair, each entrant acknowledges he/she has read, understands and will abide by these official rules.

## Categories



The contest will be separated by grade level

- ❖ K-4th grade students are eligible for the Lab Kids category
- ❖ 5th-8th grade students are eligible for the Atomic Kids category
- ❖ 9th-12th grade students are eligible for the Lab Teens category

Students may either submit an individual experiment or a group experiment with up to four students.

## Video length and content



Videos should be at least 2-6 minutes long.



Videos must have science related content, such as biology, chemistry, physics, environmental, life/Earth, and laboratory science.



Videos can be Halloween related, i.e. Glowing Pumpkin, Laundry Detergent Glowing Skull, Dry Ice Crystal Ball, Slimy Fake Blood. You are welcome to search online for Halloween themed science experiments.



The science project may take a variety of forms including experiments, research studies, demonstrations, and models. Students should either demonstrate the experiment or show the results of the experiment while providing an explanation of the project.

## Submissions



Videos may be submitted via mail or uploading the video to a media sharing site like YouTube.



If you choose to submit your video via YouTube (or a comparable site), then you must email the video url (web address) to [hayesC6@michigan.gov](mailto:hayesC6@michigan.gov). Videos must be uploaded by 5pm on October 31, 2014.

- ❖ Students under the age of 13 must have their parents create an account on YouTube. We recommend that you set your video privacy to “Unlisted”.



If you choose to submit your video via the mail then it must be postmarked by October 31, 2014 in order to be considered for judging.

- ❖ Mailing Address:

Michigan Department of Community Health  
Bureau of Laboratories  
ATTN: Ninah Sasy-Explore Lab Science  
927 Terminal Road  
Lansing MI, 48906.

## Prizes

The top three winners in each category (Lab Kids, Atomic Lab Kids and Lab Teens) will receive a lab coat with the Explore Lab Science logo. In addition the top three winners will receive a medal and certificate. All science fair participants will receive a certificate of participation if their entry meets all of the contest requirements.

Winners will be announced by November 15, 2014 on our website [www.michigan.gov/explorelabscience](http://www.michigan.gov/explorelabscience). We will also contact the winners via email.

If students (or parents) have questions about the contest, please contact Claire Hayes at [hayesC6@michigan.gov](mailto:hayesC6@michigan.gov).

**Thank you for participating in the Explore Lab Science Virtual  
Science Fair! Good luck to all participants!**